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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS for 1949

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report on the indicated acreages of certain crops in 1949 based upon reports from farmers in all parts of the country on or about March 1 regarding their acreage plans for the 1949 season. The acreages for 1949 are interpretations of reports from growers and are based on past relationships between such reports and acreages actually planted. The purpose of this report is to assist growers generally in making such further changes in their acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreages actually planted in 1949 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated, by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions, the agricultural program, and the effect of this report itself upon farmers' actions.

OKLAHOMA:

The March acreage survey indicates that Oklahoma farmers plan to decrease the acreages of principal spring planted crops except corn, soybeans and cowpeas. This report excludes cotton as the law requires that no report be issued concerning the acreage of cotton until July. The intended acreage of corn is 1,345,000 acres or one percent more than the 1,332,000 planted in 1948; the intended acreage of soybeans is 19,000 compared with 16,000 last year and the acreage of cowpeas is indicated at 65,000 compared with 62,000 a year ago. The indicated acreages of oats and barley is the smallest since 1929; factors causing the decline of these two crops are: unfavorable planting conditions, expanding acreage of wheat and heavy abandonment caused by green bugs in recent years, which has resulted in a diversion of acreage to other crops. About 28 percent of the 1949 oat acreage and 88 percent of the 1949 barley acreage were planted in the Fall of 1948. If intentions are carried out the acreage of sorghums will be 1,420,000 acres, a decline of 10 percent from the 1,578,000 acres planted in 1948. The sorghum acreage will be influenced to some extent by the out-come of the 1949 wheat crop, as sorghums frequently are planted on abandoned wheat land. The indicated acreage of peanuts for all purposes is 199,000 acres or 66 percent of the 302,000 acres in 1948 and about equal to the ten-year (1938-47) average. The acreage of hay for harvest in 1949 is indicated at 1,345,000 compared with 1,446,000 acres last year. The decline in the acreage of hay is due mainly to the fact that the Fall of 1948 was too dry to permit the usual seeding of alfalfa and also to a smaller acreage of peanuts for hay in 1949. Over 50 percent of the available crop land or 7,552,000 acres was planted to wheat in the Fall of 1949.

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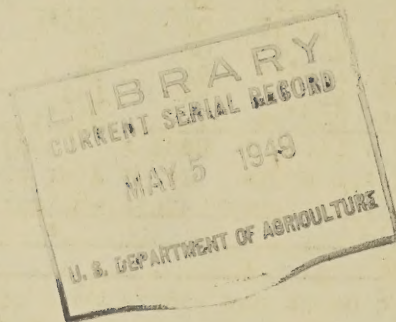
The March intentions survey indicates that the 1949 corn acreage will be 84,809,000 acres compared with 86,196,000 acres planted in 1948. The acreage of oats is indicated at 44,506,000 acres compared with 44,529,000 acres last year. The acreage of sorghums for all purposes according to the survey indications will be 12,144,000 acres compared with 13,813,000 a year ago. The acreage of peanuts alone for all purposes is indicated at 3,175,000 acres compared with 3,879,000 acres last year and 3,466,000 acres the ten-year average. 1949 intentions to plant indications, together with comparisons are shown below:

CROP	OKLAHOMA				UNITED STATES			
	Planted Acreages				Planted Acreages			
	Average :	Indica-	1949 as	% of	Average :	Indica-	1949 as	% of
	1938-47	1948	ted 1949		1938-47	1948	ted 1949	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	1948	(000)	(000)	(000)	1948
Corn, All	1,715	1,332	1,345	101	90,590	86,196	84,809	98
Oats	1,495	1,133	997	88	42,378	44,529	44,506	100
Barley	436	126	94	75	14,607	13,295	11,885	89
Flaxseed	23	4	2	50	3,472	4,889	4,713	96
All Sorghums	2,040	1,578	1,420	90	16,810	13,813	12,144	88
Potatoes	27	14	13	93	2,799	2,127	1,980	93
Sweetpotatoes	10	6	5	83	717	519	489	94
Soybeans 1/	20	16	19	119	11,607	11,733	11,278	96
Cowpeas 1/	113	62	65	105	2,459	1,115	1,011	91
Peanuts 1/	198	302	199	66	3,466	3,879	3,175	82
Hay 2/	1,272	1,446	1,345	93	73,966	73,616	73,718	100

1/ Grown alone for all purposes.

2/ Acreage Harvested.

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